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Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
5705 Grant Creek Road
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Dear Mr. Mueller:

Thank you for providing a draft of the Burnt Fork Creek Conservation Easement. The document outlines goals and policies that provide for the protection and enhancement of both the human and natural resources associated with the property and the Bitterroot Valley. Preserving open lands, wildlife habitat, big game winter range, and working agricultural practices for the benefit of future generations is of great importance.

Please note that, as on any parcel, construction of living units, additional dwellings, new or expanded septic systems, roads or road-accesses, non-residential units with water or septic, and/or other land use changes, may require formal subdivision, sanitation, and/or road review by Ravalli County or other regulatory agencies. Additionally, any proposed boundary line relocations will require review by the County. Please consider adding a statement to the document that addresses these issues.

We will be happy to map the area and include it in our Conservation Easement database as soon as you inform us that the easement has been filed.

Ravalli County greatly appreciates the work of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in the Bitterroot and I look forward to a continued and beneficial working relationship with you and your organization.

Sincerely,

John Lavey

cc: Ravalli County Planning Board
Ravalli County Board of County Commissioners